

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 17, 19-23, 25 and 27-29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 17, 23, 25 and 27 and cancelled Claims 3, 14-16, 18, 24 and 26. The claim amendments were made to more precisely define the invention in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2. These amendments have not been necessitated by the need to distinguish the present invention from any prior art. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

In the Office Action, Claims 2, 26 and 27 were objected to as having certain informalities. Applicants hereby have amended or cancelled these claims to address the informalities and, thus, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 3, 4, 12, 13 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraphs, as being indefinite due to "touched" being indefinite. Claims 3, 4, 12, 13 and 18 have been cancelled or amended to correct these informalities. Thus, the rejection has been obviated and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the pending claims under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Tang for his courtesy on the telephone and indication that the subject double patenting rejection would be considered in view of the presently amended claims. Applicant's representative respectfully requests that this rejection be continued to be held in abeyance in the event that it is not withdrawn.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19-25 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) over various U.S. Patents. Also in the Office Action, Claims 3, 4, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 26 were indicated as allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 3. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 14-16. Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 18. Claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 9 and 24. Claim 25 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 26. Thus, each claims is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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